Subject: Re: mpeq

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"David Fanning" <david@dfanning.com> wrote in message news:MPG.1936aa46109cd14a989bad@news.frii.com...

> David Chevrier (David.Chevrier@noaa.gov) writes:

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- >> hi i know its possible to create mpegs using 5.6, but how about
- >> reading them in. i'm trying to do something like open an mpeg and
- >> take a jpeg snapshot of that mpeg at certain time intervals... say one
- >> ipeg per second of mpeg. any idea if this can be done in idl?

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- > Oh, I'm sure it \*can\* be done in IDL. But if your question
- > is really "Is it worth my time to do it in IDL?", then I think
- > the answer is "No". (The answer is probably "Hell no", but I'm
- > trying to clean up my act a little bit.)

I agree entirely. (That you need to clean up your act.)

- > Get yourself a good MPEG player that can stop the movie
- > where you want it and a good screen shot utility. There
- > are lots for free or for little money on the web. You
- > will be a LOT happier. :-)

For this sort of thing, I tend to favour ImageMagick, which is a cross-platform suite of largely command-line tools. It supports what it calls "delegates" for formats that it doesn't understand natively and last time I looked it bundled simple MPEG endoder and decoder delegates.

http://www.imagemagick.org/

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